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For: IMPROVED CONVECTION OF	
ABSORBENT CORES PROVIDING	
ENHANCED THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/997,233, filed November 30, 2001, now pending.--